

Parkview Village Suites

Retirement Community

Parkview Village is an established Retirement Community set in the warmth and charm of heritage Stouffville with convenient access to shopping, business services, golf courses and the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

We are currently offering a 2 bedroom Suite for Life-Lease purchase:

- ❖ 1050 sq. ft.
- ❖ 2 full baths
- ❖ gas fireplace
- ❖ sunroom with French balcony
- ❖ 5 appliances
- ❖ 1 underground parking space and locker

Parkview residents enjoy a wide range of services and amenities including:

- ❖ fitness classes, social events and bus trips organized by the Parkview Village program coordinator
- ❖ convenience store, workshop, quilting room, hot tub and fitness room, the award winning Gardenview Restaurant and much more

For further information or to arrange an appointment to view this Suite please call (905) 640-1940 ext. 23

Students threatened and robbed

BY CHRISTOPHER DOURIS
Staff Writer

A Thornhill man was arrested Wednesday on a variety of robbery charges after Thornhill Secondary School students complained of being robbed in front of the school.

York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon said four robberies occurred outside the school between Oct. 9 and 29, but police were only advised about them Tuesday afternoon.

The accused man was not a student at the school, Sheldon said.

"I don't know (if the students) were known to this individual. They were threatened, robbed and, on one occasion, a knife was used."

Three of the robberies took place in front of the school, while the fourth occurred in a washroom. Students were threatened, robbed of cash and, in most incidents, had their ATM cards taken. After getting the bank cards, the bandit demanded PIN numbers.

In one robbery, a student was robbed in front of the school at knifepoint before being forced into a car and taken to a bank machine for more cash.

On Oct. 29, a man told a student at the school to meet him in the washroom. Once there, he

demanding the student turn over his \$300 watch. When the 16-year-old victim refused, the suspect gestured that he had a gun.

When the suspect was arrested, identification belonging to two of the four victims was found on him, Sheldon said.

A 19-year-old Dudley Avenue man faces four counts of robbery, two counts of possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and single charges of assault, offensive weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

The accused was scheduled to appear in court for a bail hearing Friday.

Furs worth \$60,000 reported missing

Thieves walked away with \$60,000 in leather and fur coats after a Markham break-in Thursday.

York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon said Atlantic Ocean Fur Trading, on Woodbine Avenue, was entered shortly before 7 a.m. after a rear door was pried and smashed open, causing \$600 damage.

The entry activated the alarm, Sheldon said, but when police arrived the thieves were gone and so was \$60,000 in stock.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Praying for Markham's leaders

The annual Markham Prayer Breakfast should not be missed

The Christian community invites people to attend the annual Markham Prayer Breakfast.

"The main purpose (of the Prayer Breakfast) is to pray for the leaders in business and politics in Markham," said Eric Tappenden, the chair of publicity. "We are asking for peace, justice and harmony in our community."

While enjoying a hot breakfast, people can listen to inspirational speaker and author Dave Dravecky.

Dravecky, a former major league pitcher, lost his pitching arm to cancer. He now operates a ministry for cancer victims and the disabled.

Acclaimed television and recording artist Hiram Joseph will also be performing.

Last year, more than 400 people attended the event. This year, more than 850 tickets have been sold with only 150 remaining. So far, 40 churches representing denominations across the Christian faith, will be in attendance.

The Markham Prayer Breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$20 or a table of 10 for \$200.

For tickets or details call 305-8490.

Focus on Faith

Spiritual retreats offered by Hagerman Mennonite Church

Hagerman Mennonite Church is offering spiritual retreats designed to help people bring their life issues into the presence of God.

Paster Gord Alton is also a pastoral counselor for the Community Care Centre of York Region.

Formerly known as the home care program, the CCAC provides health services to people's homes.

Within the CCAC context, Alton vis-

its people with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Over the past year, he has used different prayer techniques to help people experience God in the midst of their struggles.

He also helps them process their spiritual issues involving anger, hurt, guilt and fear as well as help them to understand why and let go of control.

Through these experiences, Alton discovered two things. First, there are

many people in the community who don't attend church, but need access to prayer tools to help them resolve their spiritual needs. Second, even people who go to church don't have access to these resources.

With the church's emphasis on Christian teaching and worship, the ministry of prayer and healing is often overlooked.

To address these issues, Hagerman Mennonite Church is organizing four prayer retreats led by Alton and Mary Smith, a volunteer for Hospice Scarborough.

Each two-hour retreat involves different prayer forms including resting in your sacred place, praying with a psalm, journaling, ritual and guided meditation. While the retreat material has a Christian foundation, the retreat is designed to

be inclusive of people's various understandings and experiences of God.

The first retreat was held in October with the theme of personal refreshment, especially for caregivers. Many caregivers find themselves tired and anxious due to the needs of the people they care for.

The next seminar is on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The theme is healing grief and is designed to help people discover/rediscovers God in the midst of their grief. Through these sacred moments, people will realize they are not alone and their departed one is with their Creator.

Future retreats are being planned around the theme forgiveness: healing our hurt and confession: resolving our guilt.

For registration or questions, call Alton at (905) 640-9730. The cost is \$10.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
32 Main St. N. Markham - 294-0351
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

End of the Beginning

Every time the views of the United Church have matured to meet changing conditions we hear dire predictions of its demise. The "beginning of the end" of the United Church was pronounced, for example when the decision was made to ordain women to the ministry back in 1936, and also as the church offered new insights into issues as diverse as homosexuality, the authority of scripture and the nature of Jesus Christ.

Today we find ourselves in a new global community, bound together by shared vulnerability to poverty, skewed technology and sharing as well as new opportunity to forge a more humane future. As the United Church's involvement in the ecumenical movement grows, it seems more apt to consider that we are entering the "end of the beginning." A new era is dawning as the United Church broadens its view to embrace people of good will around the world whatever their faith may be, who share a concern for our world, and for the future of humanity.

Dr. Frederick A. Stryles

MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH
Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada

Sunday, November 14, 1999

9:30 a.m. - Family Christian Education Hour
10:55 a.m. - Pastor Thurton
6:30 p.m. - Communion Celebration

Please call church for information regarding other programs available to you and your family.

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CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Church To Call Home

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Partners In Evangelism
Rev. Paul Kerr, Director of FEB International
6:30 p.m. - Prayer Fellowship
8176 McCowan Road (just south of Hwy. 7)
11 Markham, ON Tel: 905-476-1111

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131 Main St., Unionville 474-0183
Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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A warm welcome awaits you

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Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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